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PATENT SEARCHER

Applications are invited from both men and women graduates in chemistry for an appointment in the Information Branch of Patents and Trade Marks Division.

The work consists mainly of making searches through patents and journal literature over the whole field of the Company's activities for patent prosecution and licensing purposes, assisting research staff, assisting in product development activities, and writing reports based on such searches. Other duties will include some classifying for a manual searching system but as the Division subscribes to a number of sophisticated computer-based documentation systems, much of the searching will be based on these systems. In addition, the Branch provides a Company-wide current awareness service on patents.

A high degree of personal responsibility is involved and a chemist with an interest in information work and in keeping up to date with the latest developments over a broad field is likely to find it very rewarding.

Previous experience in patents or information work would be valuable, whilst a working knowledge of technical French and German is essential.

Please write, giving brief details of age, qualifications and experience, quoting reference PR.859, to: The Manager, Central Recruitment, The British Petroleum Company Limited, Britannic House, Moor Lane, London, EC2Y 9BU.

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Advertising rates, copy dates, etc. are also available on request from the Publications Department at the address above.

Further information about Aslib's services and membership rates will be supplied on application to the Director, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8 PL.

CORRECTION

In the June issue of *Aslib Information* we made reference to an opinion paper on 'Developments in scientific documentation in the long term', which appeared in JASIS vol. 25, no. 2, 1974. The author's name was incorrectly given, and should be read as VINKEN, P. J.

USING COMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES

A non-residential short course will be organised by the School of Librarianship, The Polytechnic of North London, 3rd–5th December 1974.

The course will consist of a series of talks and discussions on the design and operation of computer based library systems. Exhibition and demonstration on a terminal will be included.

The course is intended for those *without* experience. Basic knowledge of the computer and associated terminology would be helpful.

Further details from Miss C. Jessop, The Polytechnic of North London, School of Librarianship, 207–225, Essex Road, London N1 3PN.

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SEPTEMBER

10 Tues	Chemical Group Visit: ICI Plant Protection Ltd., Jealott's Hill Research Station, Bracknell Contact: Helen Moss, Library, Hatfield Polytechnic, Hatfield, Herts. Tel: 30-68100 Ext 264
16/17 Mon/Tues	Aslib Course: Introduction to MARC Aslib Fee: £21.00. Aslib members £17.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in May issue
22/25 Sun/Wed	Aslib 48th Annual Conference Churchill College, Cambridge Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib. Application form distributed in April
25/27 Wed/Fri	Aslib Jubilee Celebrations: receptions and programme of visits. London Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib. Programme and application form distributed end of April
25 Wed 18.00	British Library Reception: King's Library, British Museum See Jubilee Celebrations programme
26 Thurs 18.30	Reception at Goldsmith's Hall See Jubilee Celebrations programme
27 Fri 20.00	Jubilee Reception and Supper: Victoria and Albert Museum See Jubilee Celebrations programme
30 Mon 15.30	Co-ordinate Indexing Group Meeting: About "aboutness" – a discussion on document representation Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

OCTOBER

1 Tues	Aslib Course: Information for Pharmacists Aslib Fee: £10.00. Aslib members and Guild of Hospital Pharmacists £8.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in July issue
2 Wed 18.00 for 18.30	Technical Translation Group Evening Meeting and Lecture: A. T. Pilley on the life and work of an international conference interpreter Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
3/4 Thurs/Fri	Aslib Course: Introduction to Mechanization Aslib Fee: £21.00. Aslib members: £17.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in this issue
7/9 Mon/Wed	Aslib Course: Dissemination of Information Fee: £25.00. Aslib members: £20.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in May issue
8 Tues 17.00 for 17.30	Chemical Group Evening Meeting: G. Parry, BP Research Centre, 'Disposal of toxic wastes' Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
9 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib R & D Evening Meeting: The short term on-line information project, by Carole Wilmot Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib. Application form in this issue
14 Mon	Aslib (with NRCd) Course: Microforms in libraries Hatfield Fee: £15.00. Members of Aslib and NRCd: £11.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in May issue
14 Mon 17.00 for 17.30	Computer Information Group Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
15/18 Tues/Fri	Aslib Course: Introductory course to Special Library and Information Work Aslib Fee: £28.00. Aslib members: £22.50 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Fully booked.
21/25 Mon/Fri	Aslib Course on Business Information Aslib Fee: £39.00. Aslib members: £31.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in May issue
23 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib Evening Meeting: A progress report on the British Library by Dr H. T. Hookway, Chief Executive British Library Board RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1 Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib. Application form in this issue
24 Thurs	Scottish Branch Evening Meeting: Keith Wakelam Strathclyde University, Glasgow Contact: Wm. H. Rutherford, 22/24 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ

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28/30 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Selection of Records for Destruction or Retention
Aslib
Fee: £25.00. Aslib members: £21.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

29 Tues — Transport and Planning Group (with LA/RSIS) one-day conference: Social Planning
7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1
Contact: Andrew Scott, GLC Research Library, County Hall, London SE1. Tel: 01-633-7530

31 Thurs 15.30 — Co-ordinate Indexing Group Meeting and Lecture by Mrs B. Kostrevski of City University
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

NOVEMBER

1 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting and Filmshow
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

4/8 Mon/Fri — Aslib Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £39.00. Aslib members: £31.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in May issue

11/12 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Computer Produced Indexes
Aslib
Fee: £21.00. Aslib members: £17.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in this issue

12 Tues — Transport and Planning Group (with Planning Exchange Glasgow) one-day conference: Oil development and information
Carlton Hotel, Edinburgh
Contact: Mrs B. White, 21 Morningside Gardens, Edinburgh EH10 5LE

13 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Information in forensic science, by V. Emerson (with M. Swain), Home Office Central Research Establishment
RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

14 Thurs — Computer Applications Group Symposium: Research and Systems Evaluation
Aslib
Contact: F. Robinson, INSPEC, IEE, Station House, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1RJ

18 Mon 17.00 for 17.30 — Computer Information Group Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

21/22 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Courses: Mechanized Current-Awareness Systems
Aslib
Fee: £29.00. Aslib members: £23.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

25/26 Mon/Tues — Engineering Group Conference: R & D Information Services in the Energy Industries
Geological Society, Burlington House, London W1
Contact: R. E. Wiggins, British Gas Corporation, Research & Development Division, Engineering Research Station, Killingworth, P O Box 1LH, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE99 1LH
Note change of date and place

25/27 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Work with Patents and Elementary Patent Practice
Aslib
Fee: £23.00. Aslib members: £19.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in April issue

27 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib R & D Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

29 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: Translators' workshop
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

DECEMBER

2 Mon — Aslib (with NRCd) Course: Microforms in Libraries
Hatfield
Fee: £15.00. Members of Aslib and NRCd: £11.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in May issue

2 Mon 15.30 — Co-ordinate Indexing Group Meeting: A look at indexing consistency
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

4/5 Wed/Thurs — Aslib Course: Use of MARC
Aslib
Fee: £21.00. Aslib members: £17.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

6 Fri — Aslib Course: Abstracts: a course for library and information staff
Aslib
Fee: £12.50. Aslib members: £8.50
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in June issue

10/12 Tues/Thurs — Aslib Course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £30.00. Aslib members: £24.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in this issue

13 Fri evening — Scottish Branch Jubilee Reception
Edinburgh
Contact: Wm. H. Rutherford, 22/24 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ

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JANUARY

6/9 Mon/Thurs — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £30.00. Aslib members: £23.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

15 Wed — Aslib Evening Meeting: Dr D. J. Urquhart
RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

20/24 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £40.00. Aslib members £32.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

27 Mon — Aslib (with NRCd) Course: Microforms in Libraries
Hatfield
Fee: £15.00. Aslib and NRCd members: £11.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

27 Mon 17.00 for 17.30 — Computer Information Group Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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29 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib R & D Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

FEBRUARY

6 Thurs — Scottish Branch (with IIS Scottish Branch) Joint Evening Meeting
Edinburgh
Contact: Wm. H. Rutherford, 22/24 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ

19 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Local Authority Archives, by G. A. Chinnery, Leicester Museum and Art Gallery
RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

26 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib R & D Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

MARCH

3 Mon 17.00 for 17.30 — Computer Information Group Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

10/14 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £40.00. Aslib members: £32.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

14 Fri — Scottish Branch Annual General Meeting and one-day Conference
Stirling
Contact: Wm. H. Rutherford, 22/24 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ

19 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib R & D Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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2/4 Wed/Fri	Co-ordinate Indexing Group Annual Conference: Informatics 3 Emmanuel College, Cambridge Contact: Verina Horsnell, School of Librarianship, Polytechnic of North London, 212–225 Essex Road, London N1
8/11 Tues/Fri	Chemical Group Conference: University of Nottingham *Details later*
9 Wed	Aslib Evening Meeting RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1 Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
30 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib R & D Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

MAY

21 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib Evening Meeting: Job assessment and job evaluation, by Dr B. G. Dutton, ICI Ltd., Mond Division RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1 Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
28 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib R & D Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

JUNE

13/15 Fri/Sun	Electronic Group Annual Conference: Civil Service College, Sunningdale *Details later*

SEPTEMBER

22/25 Mon/Thurs	Aslib 49th Annual Conference: Van Mildert College, Durham Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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Aslib Proceedings
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National Official Publications of the countries of the EEC
Proceedings of an Aslib/Social Sciences Group conference held in London, 16–18 April 1974, edited by John Pemberton

Belgium	*F. Vanwijngaerden*
Denmark	*R. Ejlersen*
France	*Suzanne Honoré*
Germany	*G. Zoller-Philips*
Ireland	*Brian McKenna*
Italy	*Alberto Graziani*
Luxembourg	*L. Clement*
Netherlands	*Th.H Oltheten*
United Kingdom	*D. C. L. Holland*

Aslib Proceedings
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A survey of the opinions of British Library, Lending Division users in special libraries on the effects of non-immediate access to journals
B. Houghton and C. Prosser

Review literature: characteristics, sources and output in 1972
A. M. Woodward

Technical Note
A co-ordinate card index with a capacity of 200,000 documents
Timothy Crosby

Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS' ACTIVITIES

Aslib Annual Conference and Jubilee Celebrations

At the end of this month, those who have already registered will receive their Conference documents and tickets for the various Jubilee events. From the Conference handbook they will gather full details of the programme, with abstracts of the papers. They will read of one change of speaker: Dr Raymond Appleyard, Director-General of Scientific and Technical Information and Information Management, European Communities Commission, will take the place of Mr Winters in Session 4, talking about 'International co-operation in the use of information resources'. The lecture/demonstration offered by the Safety in Mines Research Establishment, showing how they use 'live' demonstrations to convey scientific information to non-scientific audiences, should be an exciting conclusion to the session on presenting information for maximum impact. The crowded visits and social programmes reflect the interest and variety of the City of Cambridge and the kindness and generosity of its inhabitants.

A big turnout promises for the Conference, but the extra accommodation secured at New Hall should ensure that everyone wishing to come can find a place. Our friends from overseas are making an exceptionally good showing – from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Japan, South Africa and USA. Many of them we expect will take the opportunity to come on to London and join the programme of visits on September 26 and 27 and Aslib's own Jubilee Reception and Supper at the Victoria and Albert Museum on September 27, the culmination – in the company of Aslib's Royal President – of the Jubilee celebrations. Demand for places on the visits is very heavy and numbers at the British Library and Goldsmiths Receptions are limited, but space at the Victoria and Albert Museum is not confined and there should be room for all who want to come. Don't delay, though, if you have not already booked.

Applications – which will be accepted as long as places remain – should be made to the Conference Organiser, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

ASLIB R & D NEWS

Computerized secondary services

'Service to an interdisciplinary need-group from computerized secondary services' – the report of a project undertaken by John Martyn, has been submitted to the British Library Research and Development Division. John Martyn discussed the study, which investigated the problems of using computerized secondary services to assemble the reference base of an interdisciplinary specialized Information Centre, at a recent Aslib R & D Evening Meeting. The study will soon be published in the Aslib *Occasional Publication Series.*

Social Science Information Services

A survey of Social Science libraries/information services, which was initially undertaken by Mrs V. Ward, has been completed by Joan Wides and will also be published shortly in the *Occasional Publication Series.*

Staff Appointments

We are happy to announce the recruitment of four new members to the R & D Department, three of whom joined us on 1 July and the fourth on 5 August.

Miss Sandy Hensman, who has a degree in chemistry, has recently completed the post-graduate diploma in librarianship at the College of Librarianship Wales and will be working with Rose Reynolds on an evaluative study of file partitioning methods.

Having previously been engaged in research for the Department of Health and Social Security, Jim Spencer joined us after a post-graduate diploma in social administration at Essex University. Initially he will be completing an unfinished survey concerning the use of business and commercial libraries.

Tony Wight, who has a Hornsey College of Art diploma in industrial design, and experience of free-lance information work, comes to us from the Post Office, and will be working with Pauline Thomas on the computer simulation of library systems.

The fourth member is Gordon Pratt, who was previously employed as statistician to the GLC. He is the joint author of 'The categorization of adult non-fiction' in *Journal of Librarianship* 6 (2) p. 91–98, and of two GLC Department of Planning and Transportation Research Memoranda: 'Westminster Library Survey' (No. 419) and 'A study of the information needs of London's local government officers' (No. 433). Gordon Pratt will be working on a study of computer-based information networks in the U.K.

Jane Wainwright

Mrs Jane Wainwright, who for the past six years has made an invaluable contribution to the work of the R & D Department, has left the Department and takes up her new post as systems analyst at the University of London Library on 1 August. Whilst regretting her departure we would like to wish Jane every success in the future.

BRANCHES AND GROUPS

Engineering Group Conference

The Engineering Group's November conference 'R & D Information Services in the energy industries' will be held at the Geological Society of London, Burlington House, on 25–26 November 1974. Papers will cover the present organization and operations of R & D information units in the major sectors of the UK Energy Industries and will highlight particularly interesting or novel aspects of the services provided or techniques employed.

Future developments both within the individual industries and on a collaborative national and international scale will also be considered, and future trends in the use of present and new forms of energy will be covered to provide a background to these papers.

The meeting will provide a forum for discussion for those concerned with the production and dissemination of R & D information in the energy field.

Chemical Group courses

The Chemical Group is considering whether to repeat, in the Spring of 1975, two of its courses which have proved successful in the past. These are:

Introduction to Chemistry

A course on the fundamentals and language of chemistry which was staged with the collaboration of lecturers from the Polytechnic of the South Bank. No previous knowledge of chemistry is required.

Introduction to Modern Methods of Chemical Characterization

This is designed for Librarians, Information Officers and others who may need to find or to process information in the rapidly advancing field of chemical characterization.

Those who are interested in the above courses should complete and return the appropriate forms which are included with this issue.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Martyn, head of the Aslib Research and Development Department, has been awarded the degree of M. Phil. by the University of Aston in Birmingham under the interdisciplinary higher degree scheme.

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MECHANIZED SERVICES

Interchange of AIP and Ei data bases

A National Science Foundation Grant has been awarded to the American Institute of Physics (AIP), in cooperation with Engineering Index (Ei), for a project entitled 'Interchange of Data Bases'.

The project is intended to develop methods by which Ei and AIP can reduce their input costs by eliminating duplication of intellectual effort and processing. Through sharing of the resources of the two organizations and an interchange of their respective data bases, AIP and Ei expect to improve the utilization of these computer-readable data bases. It will then be possible to create new services and repackage existing services to satisfy the information demands in areas of mutual interest to engineers and physicists, such as acoustics and optics.

For further information, contact: Dr Rita Lerner, American Institute of Physics, 335 East 45 Street, New York 10017.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

New Zealand Annual Conference

The New Zealand Library Association is holding its Annual Conference in Auckland in 1975, from 10 to 14 February, its theme being designated 'Future Tense'; the object being to try and anticipate and prepare for the problems that lie ahead for Libraries.

If any members are considering visiting New Zealand next February, they would be welcome as visitors to the conference, and should contact: K. I. Porter, Library Serials, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand.

Design and evaluation of printed subject indexes

An international study institute on this theme is planned for 14–18 July 1975, at the College of Librarianship Wales, Aberystwyth. The emphasis will be on index characteristics and performance from the viewpoint of the user, rather than on mechanics of production. Participants will be index producers and users, as well as researchers, teachers and practitioners. There will be invited speakers, but contributed papers may also be submitted. Further details are available now from Mr Michael Keen, College of Librarianship Wales, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, SY23 3AS. Tel: Aberystwyth 3181.

Post-graduate Diploma

The Department of Librarianship, Manchester Polytechnic has been granted permission by the Council for National Academic Awards to offer a Post-Graduate Diploma in Librarianship to commence in January, 1975.

The course lasts twelve months full-time and consists of three main subject areas, The Operation of Libraries, Information Services and Information Retrieval, each of one year's duration. In addition, every student will take the preliminary study Communications in the first term and Automation in Libraries in the second term.

Students will be assessed entirely by their course work consisting of a combination of practical work done in class time, projects carried out in the student's own time and by extended essays.

Further information from: J. L. Ingham, Department of Librarianship, Manchester Polytechnic, Bracken House, Charles Street, Manchester M1 7DF. Tel: 061-273-5595.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Urban Abstracts

The latest developments in transportation research, social and strategic planning, and local government organization and administration are covered in a new abstracts journal published by the Greater London Council Research Library. This monthly journal replaces the previous title *Planning and Transportation Abstracts*, and includes some 2,500 references per year with monthly indexes and an annual cumulative index.

Subscription rate £7.50 including annual index from: GLC Bookshop, Greater London Council, County Hall, London SE1 7PB.

Directory of State Agencies

Information Resources Press will publish in October 1974 the first edition of *The National Directory of State Agencies*, which will be produced biennially.

The Directory will have two major parts: the first will list the fifty states, possessions, and territories, and under each, will identify all agencies concerned with major governmental functions; the second part will be organized by these functions, aggregating

under each functional heading the state agencies that are concerned with it. The *Directory* will contain approximately 6,000 entries. It will also provide a subdirectory of all major associations of the government officials.

Price $50.00, plus postage and handling charges. Orders should be forwarded to: Information Resources Press, 2100 M Street, N.W. Suite 316 Washington, D.C. 20037.

Conference Proceedings

The proceedings of the following conferences are now available:

Information Systems for Designers: proceedings of a conference held at the University of Southampton, 10–12 July 1974. Copies available at £8.25 (post free in UK) from: Publication Services, 33/35 Foxley Lane, High Salvington, Worthing, Sussex BN13 3AD.

Technological Information Systems and Services for Innovation: proceedings of a Seminar held by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at Balatonfüred, Hungary, 2–6 October 1973. Price $15 (excl. postage). Further details from: Dr P. Lázár, Hungarian Central Technical Library and Documentation Centre, H-1428 Budapest, P.O.B. 12 – Reciczky u.6.

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JAPANESE/ENGLISH RUSSIAN/ENGLISH translations. Chemistry, medicine, biology, zoology, D. A. Fraser, B.A., MIL, 22 Gresley Road, London N19 3JZ. Tel: 01-272 5664.

SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATIONS FROM JAPANESE, CHINESE, RUSSIAN, CZECH and other East and West European languages into English and/or German. A. K. Henn, B.Sc, 'Glenside', Lower Leigh Rd., Pontnewynydd, Pontypool, Mon. Tel: Pontypool 3689 (after 6 p.m.).

MEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL, BIOLOGICAL translations from French, Romanian and Portuguese into English and from English into the same languages. Dr. J. Jacobson, 94 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11. 01-455 1010.

TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL translations from English into Russian. Mrs. O. Linsley, 31 Parke Road, Barnes, London SW13. Tel: 01-748 8822.

TECHNICAL TRANSLATIONS from Japanese into English. R. A. Scutt, BA, 48 Somerset Avenue, West Wimbledon, London SW20. Tel: Wimbledon 1713 (01-946 1713).

TECHNICAL OR COMMERCIAL translations into/from English, German, Dutch and French. A. M. H. Spellei, FIL, NGV, 6 Lakeside, West Ealing, London W13 8HN. Tel: 01-998 1045.

AUTHORITATIVE TECHNICAL TRANSLATIONS. Spanish, French, Italian, German, Portuguese, camera copy or printed. E. W. Sykes, FIL, 39 West Close, Wembley, Middlesex, HA9 9PJ. Tel: 01-904 4273.

CHEMICO-INDUSTRIAL TRANSLATIONS from German and French in general, specifically paints, plastics, macromolecules, and associated subjects like mineral building materials, powder technology, spectrometers, etc. E. Hammond BSc, FRIC, MIL: 33, Blakemere Rd, Welwyn Garden City, Herts; Tel: Welwyn Garden 20652.

BACK-ISSUES of periodicals and Journals bought and sold by Graham Jeffrey Ltd., 29, Cuddesdon Road, Horspath, Oxford.

Current Awareness List

Recent additions to the Aslib library catalogue are broken down into twelve broad groups, whose coverage is indicated below. These groups are not mutually exclusive but it is hoped that users will find them helpful in scanning for new items of interest.

USER STUDIES
Analyses of information-seeking, literature-use and library-use patterns; user training.

COMMUNICATION AND KNOWLEDGE
Flow and organization of knowledge, including national policies; information theory.

INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS
Dissemination, processing, storage and retrieval techniques and systems; data centres; management information systems.

LANGUAGE AND INDEXING
Linguistics, semantics, nomenclature, terminology; subject headings, thesauri and their construction; indexing; abstracting; translating.

CLASSIFICATION AND CATALOGUING
Documentary and non-documentary coding; cataloguing; filing.

MECHANIZATION
Automation in libraries, broadly, including 'housekeeping' procedures; machines applicable in libraries; computer technology.

SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
Special libraries and specialized documentation centres; sources of information including reference books and bibliographies; reference and inquiry work.

REPROGRAPHY
Materials, methods and systems; facsimile transmission; telex.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING
Writing and editorial work; printing and publishing; periodical references and citation patterns; bookselling; copyright; legal aspects of computerized information.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
Special library and information service policy, buildings, furniture and staff; stock including special materials; lending and journal circulation.

LIBRARY SYSTEMS
National libraries, general libraries and documentation centres; university and college libraries; inter-library co-operation.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY
Library science, information science, documentation; professional associations, education, literature, organizations and research; biographies; directories

Librarian

USER STUDIES

Lipsman, Claire K.
The disadvantaged and library effectiveness. Chicago: American Library Association, 1972. ix, 197p.
ISBN 0 8389 0129 8.

COMMUNICATION AND KNOWLEDGE

Bryant, D.J. *and* Mayes, P.E.
Improving information flow in the health service.
Hospital and Health Services Review, vol. 69, no. 8, August 1973, p. 291–93.
The system established by the cooperation of Hull Public Library and Hull Hospital Management Committee.

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Further details from Miss C. Jessop, The Polytechnic of North London, School of Librarianship, 207–225 Essex Road, London N1 3PN.

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Meeting

A S L I B E V E N I N G M E E T I N G

Wednesday, 23 October 1974
17.30 Tea 17.00

Weir Hall, Royal Institution of Naval Architects,
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THE BRITISH LIBRARY: A PROGRESS REPORT

Speaker: Dr H T Hookway, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive, British Library Board

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THE SHORT TERM ON-LINE INFORMATION PROJECT

Speaker: Carole Wilmot, Aslib R & D Department.

Continuing the series of informal meetings concerned with Aslib Research, Carole Wilmot will talk about the British Library R & D supported Short-term Experimental Information Networks projects. This will begin with a description of the methodology, participants and available services and progress to discussion of the present use made of two of these services, the degree of these services and problems associated with access.

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COURSE ON THESAURUS CONSTRUCTION

P R O G R A M M E

Day I

Session 1	Introduction to the thesaurus : what it is and what it is not - the distinction between grammar and meaning.
Session 2	The basic thesaural relationships.
Session 3	Practical exercise in thesaural relationships.

Day II

Session 4	The use and extension of existing thesauri
Session 5	Term collection, term specificity and term co-ordination; subcodes supercodes and phrasal ideas
Session 6	The display of thesauri - the different types available.
Session 7	The embodiment of thesauri, especially machine-held thesauri.
Session 8	The evaluation, maintenance and updating of thesauri.

Day III

Session 9 (all day)	Practical exercise on the construction, use and testing of a thesaurus.

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INTRODUCTION TO MECHANISATION

a course for special librarians and information officers

3 - 4 October 1974
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Aims and Objectives

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INTRODUCTION TO MECHANISATION

P R O G R A M M E

Day 1

Morning

Session 1: Systems Analysis

The need to analyse the purpose and procedures of an activity before designing and installing a system to do what is required.

Session 2: Input Techniques

Importance of accurate data preparation: form design; error checking and correction; types of equipment - selection and costs; bureau use and selection.

Afternoon

Session 3: The Computer

(1) How the computer works - hardware and software.
(2) Principles of Programming.

Day 2

Morning

Session 4: Library Applications of Computers

(1) Mechanised housekeeping systems

The effect of computer based systems on library services. Administrative aspects of a mechanisation programme. Introduction to major application areas.

(2) Mechanised information retrieval

The subject approach; supply of central data base tapes; Classification; SDI; sutomatic indexing and abstracting and "the future".

Course

COURSE ON MECHANISED CURRENT-AWARENESS SERVICES

10 - 12 December 1974
at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives

This course is intended for staff of information services and technical libraries who are interested in the possibilities of mechanised current-awareness services.

Though it is primarily designed for managers, it will contain sufficient detail to make it interesting for staff who will be engaged in operating services.

It will be assumed that participants have some knowledge of computers and standard peripheral equipment, at least to the level covered by Aslib 'Introduction to Mechanisation' course.

The aim of the course will be to provide practical guidance on the design and operation of mechanised current-awareness services based on the experience of those responsible for existing services of this type.

Fee: £30.00 (£24.00 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea but not lunch.

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COURSE ON MECHANISED CURRENT-AWARENESS SERVICES

P R O G R A M M E

Day I

Session 1	Introduction - Principal features of current-awareness systems - input and output (bulletins, S.D.I.) - SDI compared with IR systems.
Session 2/3	Different types of search languages and logic
Session 4	Profiling exercise. Students will be sent instructions on preparing a profile soon after registering and asked to submit profiles one week before the course. Further profiles will be prepared under supervision during this session.

Day II

Session 5	Commercially available services (including costs).
Session 6	Using external tapes in-house
Session 7	Package programmes
Session 8	Evaluation and monitoring of services.

Day III

Session 9	Costing current-awareness services
Session 10	Case study 1 - using in-house input
Session 11	Case study 2 - using external tapes
Session 12	Return and discussion of results of the exercise. General discussion of the course.

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Course

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11 and 12 November, 1974 at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives:

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Fee: £21.00 (£17.00 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea, but not lunches. Arrangements will be made for the course to lunch together on the first day, but this will be charged separately.

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COURSE ON COMPUTER-PRODUCED INDEXES

P R O G R A M M E

First Day

Session 1	Open discussion : students will be asked to give five-minute talks describing their systems.
Session 2	General introduction, including basic components of a printed index, and vocabulary control.
Session 3	KWIC, KWOC, SLIC and their variants, with mention of their uses for indexing other things than literature.
Session 4	String input systems - Precis, Articulated Subject Index, British Technology Index.

Second Day

Session 5	Points of comparison between different index formats, including evaluation procedures.
Session 6	Different physical forms of output: COM, computer typesetting, line-printer, (including their economics, and the effects of different types of cumulation).
Session 7	Integration of the index with other library operations.
Session 8	Using a bureau versus doing it yourself; available packages; use of mini-computers.

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After the Aslib Computer Applications Group came into existence in 1968 it set up a number of Working Parties. One of these, the Acquisitions, Cataloguing and Circulation Working Party (ACCWP), came to the conclusion that there was a real need for a directory of operational computer applications in United Kingdom libraries and information units. There have been previous surveys but these were partial, incomplete and in some cases did not always distinguish what was operational from what was planned or experimental.

The Directory is in three sections. First is a list of the libraries included, arranged alphabetically together with a grid showing the computer applications; the type of computer employed; programming languages used; and the extent of bureaux usage. From this it is possible to read off which libraries have particular applications.

This is followed by a list of the libraries in the same alphabetical order, with their contributions.

The third section is an index to named equipment, information systems, data bases and any other useful topics.

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Proceedings of a one-day conference for chief librarians from local authority and educational institutions 22 June, 1973
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Aslib Research and Development Department is engaged in a research project, Librarians as Managers. This exploratory project involved studying the managerial activities of Librarians in a number of libraries of different types.

In the course of the investigations the increasing pace of management and organisational change became apparent. Both public and educational libraries are affected by recent developments within their parent organisations Local authorities are going through a period of considerable upheaval attendant on the formal re-structuring taking place now and Polytechnic librarians are developing integrated services from previously separate college libraries.

Some librarians have already played an active role in planning for organisational change, and in applying modern management principles, many more will shortly be involved in such endeavours. It was thought that senior staff could well benefit from an opportunity to discuss the problems involved, and this publication is the proceedings of the conference that was arranged.

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Source: BELL, JoAnn *and* Davis, Ann J. Sex, SIN and Dirty Books. *Bulletin, Medical Libraries Association,* Vol. 62, no. 1, 1974, p. 55–57.

A copy of the complete article is available from the Aslib Library for £0.16p.

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6/9 Mon/Thurs — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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Contact: Education Officer Aslib. Details and application form in October issue

13 Mon 14.45 — Coordinate Indexing Group Meeting: What is Informatics? Discussion led by K. P. Jones
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

14 Tues 14.30 — Aslib Midlands Branch Discussion Forum: Aslib–its present and future role, by L. J. Anthony
Birmingham Public Library
Contact: J. A. Pickup, c/o Albright & Wilson Ltd, PO Box 80 Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands B69 4LN

15 Wed — Chemical Group Visit: Flour Milling and Bread Research Association Chorley Wood
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

15 Wed — Aslib Evening Meeting: Looking back and forward by Dr D. J. Urquhart, RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib. Application form in November issue

17 Fri 16.00 and 17.30 — Technical Translation Group Annual General Meeting and Sherry Party
Aslib
Contact: Miss A. C. M. Picken, Shell International Petroleum Company OAL/22, Shell Centre, SE1

20/24 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £48.00. Aslib members: £40.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Details and application form in October issue

27 Mon — Aslib (with NRCd) Course: Microforms in Libraries
Hatfield
Fee: £20.00. Aslib and NRCd members: £16.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Details and application form in November issue

27 Mon 17.00 for 17.30 — Computer Information Group Evening Meeting: Blind computer programmers
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

28 Tues 14.00 — Aslib (with interested Government Departments) Afternoon Conference: The European information network for science and technology – the first stages
Wellcome Lecture Theatre, Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
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28/30 Tues/Thurs — Aslib Course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £31.00. Aslib members: £25.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in August issue

29 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib R & D Evening Meeting: Computer based networks in the UK by Gordon Pratt
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib. Details and application form in November issue

FEBRUARY

3 Mon 17.00 for 17.30 — Social Sciences Group Annual General Meeting and Lecture: The National Trust and its Libraries, by Edward Miller
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

6 Thurs 18.00 for 18.45 — Aslib Scottish Branch (with IIS) Joint Evening Meeting: Information needs and communications problems in the social sciences by Ralph Adam, City University
University Staff Club, Chambers Street, Edinburgh
Contact: Wm H. Rutherford, 22/24 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ

10/11 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Official Publications
Aslib
Fee: £27.00. Aslib members: £22.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib.
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18 Tues 18.15	Aslib Midlands Branch Meeting: The use of microfilm and advanced reprography techniques, by B. J. S. Williams, Director, NRCd Birmingham Public Library Contact: J. A. Pickup, c/o Albright & Wilson Ltd, PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands B69 4LN
19 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib Evening Meeting: Local Authority Archives, by G. A. Chinnery, Leicester Museum and Art Gallery RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1 Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib. Application form in this issue
21 Fri	Audio Visual Group one-day course: Slides—their acquisition and organisation Aslib Contact: Mrs Janet Andrew, BBC Television Film Library, Windmill Road, Brentford, Middlesex
24 Mon 14.45	Coordinate Indexing Group Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
25 Tues	Audio Visual Group Forum: Film Libraries and film research Aslib Contact: Frances Thorpe, Slade Film Department, University College, Gower Street, London WC1
26 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib R & D Evening Meeting: Business information in the City of London: report of a survey, by Jim Spencer. Application form in next issue
27 Thurs	Aslib Course: Techniques of Reference Work Aslib Fee: £15.00. Aslib members: £12.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Application form in this issue
28 Fri	Computer Applications Group one-day Conference: Developments with UK Computer-based loans systems Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib. Details and application form in November issue

MARCH

3 Mon 17.00 for 17.30	Computer Information Group Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
4 Tues	Aslib Symposium: The Communicators Geological Society of Great Britain, Burlington House, London W1 Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib. Programme and application form in this issue
4/7 Tues/Fri	Aslib Course: Classification and Indexing Systems Aslib Fee: £40.00. Aslib members: £32.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
10/14 Mon/Fri	Aslib Course: Business Information Aslib Fee: £48.00. Aslib members: £40.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib. Details and application form in November issue
14 Fri	Scottish Branch Annual General Meeting and one-day Conference on User Education Stirling Contact: Wm. H. Rutherford, 22/24 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PQ
18 Tues	Aslib Course: Product Information Aslib Fee: £15.00. Aslib members: £12.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
19 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib R & D Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
19 Wed 19.15	Aslib Midlands Branch Annual General Meeting, Buffet Supper and Social Evening Club Suite of Engineering and Building Centre, Birmingham Contact: J. A. Pickup, c/o Albright & Wilson Ltd, PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands B69 4LN
22/25 Tues/Fri	Aslib Course: The Control and Management of Records in Local Authorities Aslib Fee: £38.00. Aslib members: £30.00 Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
24 Mon	Aslib Course: Microforms in Libraries (with NRCd) Hatfield Fee: £20.00. Aslib and NRCd members: £16.00 Details and application form in November issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

24 Mon 14.45 — Coordinate Indexing Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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2/4 Wed/Fri — Co-ordinate Indexing Group Annual Conference: Informatics 3
Emmanuel College, Cambridge
Contact: Verina Horsnell, School of Librarianship, Polytechnic of North London, 212–225 Essex Road, London N1
Details and application form later

8/11 Tues/Fri — Chemical Group Conference: University of Nottingham
Details later

9 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib (with cooperation of interested Government Departments) Evening Meeting: The European information network for science and technology – the first stages
RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

15/18 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £40.00. Aslib members: £30.00
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

16 Wed — Aslib Midlands Branch Visit to Production Engineering Research Association (PERA), Melton Mowbray
Contact: J. A. Pickup, c/o Albright & Wilson Ltd, PO Box 80, Oldbury, Warley, W. Midlands B69 4LN

22/24 Tues/Thur — Aslib Course: The Control and Management of Records in Local Authorities
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5/9 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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Details and application form in November issue of Aslib Information
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

19/20 Mon/Tues — Aslib (with Computer Applications Group) Conference: Computers in Libraries and information centres
Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, 23 Savile Row, London W1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

21 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Job assessment and job evaluation, by Dr B. G. Dutton, ICI Ltd, Mond Division
RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

28 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib R & D Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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11 Wed — Aslib Midlands Branch Visit: British Library, Lending Division Boston Spa, Yorks
Contact: J. A. Pickup, c/o Albright & Wilson Ltd, PO Box 80, Oldbury Warley, W. Midlands B69 4LN

12 Thurs 16.30 — Aslib Annual General Meeting
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12 Thurs 17.00 for 18.00 — Eighth Aslib Annual Lecture by Dr H. M. Finniston, FRS
Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib
Details later

13/15 Fri/Sun — Electronics Group Annual Conference: Civil Service College, Sunningdale
Details later

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JULY

14/16 Mon/Wed — Computer Information Group Conference
University of Durham
Contact: F. C. A. Exon, Computer Centre, University College, 19 Gordon Street, London WC1

SEPTEMBER

22/25 Mon/Thurs — Aslib 49th Annual Conference: Van Mildert College, Durham
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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20/23 Mon/Thurs — Aslib 50th Annual Conference: University of Exeter
Contact: Conference Organiser, Aslib

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Use of published sources

The Market Research Society is organizing a course, Use of published sources, to be held at Birkbeck College, Department of Geography, Rathbone Place, Oxford Street, London W1, on six Tuesday afternoons at monthly intervals starting on January 14th. The objective is to give information and practice in where to find published data and how to use them in a critical way.

It is aimed to cater for those early in their career as 'information officers', or desk researchers with responsibility for the extraction and application of published statistics to aid business decisions; and those in *ad hoc* research who feel the need to know more about the government and other secondary sources already available.

The course will comprise six seminars; between seminars delegates will be asked to complete an exercise, which will involve extracting data from published sources, to familiarize them with the data available. Each session will consist of a talk on a specific topic, discussions on the completed, and on the subsequent, exercise. This aspect of the course is the brainchild of Bob Peacock, who has been concerned with the development of the Statistical Sources Course at the Open University. He is co-Convenor, with Peter Menneer of British Market Research Bureau Limited.

The fee is £35.10 (£29.70 MRS members). For further information contact:

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Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS

The European Information Network for Science and Technology – a report on the first stages

In June 1971, some 18 months before the UK's accession to the EEC, the Council of Ministers resolved that there should be improved co-ordination of the activities of Member States in scientific and technical information and documentation (IDST). They had two objectives in view: the encouragement of progress and services in IDST and the progressive establishment of a European Information Network. At the same time, the Council set up a Committee for Information and Documentation in Science and Technology (CIDST) drawn from Member States to join with the Commission in the preparatory work.

So far the work of CIDST and the Commission has been concerned with defining the proposed co-operation under three broad headings: development of useful and necessary information systems for the Community; development of a common communications network to be the physical backbone of the enterprise, and linkage of appropriate systems to it; support activities in information science and technology and in methodology (relating for example to requirements for multilingual operation, training of specialists, etc).

The next phase commencing in 1975 will comprise an initial 3-year plan of action involving the commitment of Community funds. This will provide both challenges for UK information services and opportunities to develop and extend their activities on a European scale.

At this point, the interested Government Departments – the Department of Industry and the Department of Education and Science – have asked Aslib to co-operate in arranging meetings to present a progress report on the planning for the European Information Network in science and technology and to discuss informally UK requirements and priorities for such co-operation and the interests to be safeguarded. The first of these meetings, to a limited audience and by invitation only, will be held on Tuesday, 28 January 1975, at the Royal Society. On Wednesday, April 9, at the Aslib Evening Meeting, the whole membership will have an opportunity to hear this progress report and to take part in the discussion on this very important subject. Full details of the programme will be distributed, with an application form, in the New Year.

MIDLANDS BRANCH

Evening Meeting, Wednesday November 13th, 1974, Birmingham Central Library

'The exploitation of computer facilities by smaller libraries and information units – a review of current practice' was the theme of the Midlands Branch meeting on November 13th, with Mrs Jane Wainwright, Systems Analyst, University of London Library, as the speaker.

Mrs Wainwright's talk was aimed at the librarian/information scientist with little or no experience of computer programming or large-scale computer projects. The talk illustrated the various ways in which the smaller unit can exploit computer facilities available both within the company and commercially.

Mrs Wainwright paid particular attention to development and operational costs, as well as the effects on the staffing of the unit. Examples were given of the range of computer-printed indexes, lists, etc. in existence in many information units.

The talk was firmly based on current practice and as such was most useful to the large audience.

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS GROUP

Computers in libraries and information centres

A 'state of the art' conference, 19 and 20 May, 1975

This two-day conference will be arranged by Aslib, with the advice and co-operation of the Computer Applications Group, in the belief that such a detailed and authoritative look at the 'state of the art' is important at the present stage of computer development in relation to information science. The objectives of the conference will be: to consider separately the main areas where computers have made a significant impact; to define the present state of knowledge in each of these areas and the extent of adoption of the techniques; to indicate possible future trends.

The conference, which should attract a large audience, will be held in the Scientific Societies' Lecture Theatre, 23 Savile Row, London W1, on Monday and Tuesday, May 19 and 20, 1975. Further details, with the programme and application form, will be included in January *Aslib Information.*

TECHNICAL TRANSLATION GROUP

It has been the Group's custom to hold a Sherry Party at Christmas time every year, to enable members to get together informally at greater length than is usually possible on the occasion of ordinary group meetings. The last sherry party was held after Christmas, on the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Group, and the idea met with general approval. It has accordingly been decided to follow the same pattern in 1974–5, and members may like to make a note of the date: Friday 17 January, 1975. The A.G.M. will be at 4.00 p.m. and the Sherry Party (for which there will be a small charge) at 5.30 p.m. Let us hope that we are free of transport and other crises for what is always an enjoyable occasion.

TRANSPORT AND PLANNING GROUP

Proceedings – Transportation and Information

In the November issue of *Aslib Information* papers presented at the above conference (and now available as reprints) were listed. Unfortunately there was an error in this list: the title of the paper given by Ms. Helen Dechief should read 'Railroad information problems in North America'. In addition, the paper given by Mr. V. Canyn, Union Internationale des Chemins de Fer, entitled 'Sources of information on Railway Transportation' is also available.

Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Information Officer at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

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British Steel Corporation Tubes Division.
Technical Library.
Processing of ferrous scrap. 1974. 42 refs. £0.30.

Bibl—66
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Consumer credit. 1974. 23 pages. £1.20.

Bibl—67
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Control of Pollution Bill. 1974. 115 refs. 75p.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations:

Bibl—68
British Steel Corporation. Strip Mills Division.
Coal petrography and petrology: a bibliography 1964—1973. 1974. 161 refs. SM/BIB/859. Available from: Information Services, Corporate Development Laboratory, British Steel Corporation, Hoyle Street, Sheffield S3 7EY.

Bibl—69
Camden Reference Libraries.
Foreign language dictionaries. 1974. 21 pages. Available from: St. Pancras Library, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 2AJ.

Bibl—70
Department of Employment Library.
Financial management for the non specialist. 1974. 32 refs. CL45-1974 (7). Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St. James's Square, London SW1.

Bibl—71
Department of Employment Library.
Industrial psychology—some recent titles. 1974. 35 refs. CL47-1974 (9). Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St. James's Square, London SW1.

Bibl—72
Department of Employment Library.
Multinational companies—some recent titles. 1974. 28 refs. CL48-1974 (9). Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St. James's Square, London SW1.

Bibl—73
Department of Employment Libary.
North sea oil and gas. 1974. 22 refs. CL46-1974 (8). Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St. James's Square, London SW1.

Bibl—74
Department of the Environment. Headquarters Library.
Air pollution. 1974. 206 refs. No. 148B. Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—75
Department of the Environment. Headquarters Library.
Environmental pollution: a general list. 1974. 105 refs. No. 148A. Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—76
Department of the Environment. Headquarters Library.
Local government finance: a preliminary listing of recent material. 1974. 234 refs. No. 176. Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—77
Department of the Environment. Headquarters Library.
Noise. 1974. 174 refs. No. 148e. Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—78
Department of the Environment. Headquarters Library.
Quality of life in urban settlements. 1974. 108 refs. LIB/INF/16. Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—79
Department of the Environment. Headquarters Library.
Town and country planning: sources of information. 1974. 136 refs. LIB/INF/6. Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—80
Electricity Council.
Heat pipes: select list of references. 1971—Summer 1974. 1974. 29 refs. Bibliography B 95. Available from: Intelligence Section, The Electricity Council, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD.

Bibl—81
Electricity Council.
Quality of supply: select list of references. 1971—August 1974. 1974. 94 refs. Bibliography B 92. Available from: Intelligence Section, The Electricity Council, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD.

Bibl—82
Electricity Council.
Remote supervisory control of distribution systems and consumers' load: select list of references. May 1971—August 1974. 1974. 67 refs. Bibliography B 93. Available from: Intelligence Section, The Electricity Council, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD.

Bibl—83
Electricity Council.
Variable speed drives: select list of references. 1972—January 1974. 1974. 42 refs. Bibliography B 94. Available from: Intelligence Section, The Electricity Council, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD.

Bibl—84
English Electric Library.
Combined operation of gas and steam turbines 1956—April 1974. Revised August 1974. 1974. 307 refs. Bibl—81 (2nd Rev). Available from: Library, English Electric Co. Ltd., Whetstone, Leicester LE8 3LH.

Bibl—85
Essex County Library.
Wind power. 1974. 30 refs. R.L. 14/73—74. Available from: Technical Library Service, Essex County Library, Goldlay Gardens, Chelmsford CM2 0EW.

Bibl—86
Leicester University Library.
Pollution. Guide to books, pamphlets and periodicals available in the library. 1973. 98 refs. Available from: University Library, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH.

Current Awareness List

December 1974

Recent additions to the Aslib library catalogue are broken down into twelve broad groups, whose coverage is indicated below. These groups are not mutually exclusive but it is hoped that users will find them helpful in scanning for new items of interest.

USER STUDIES
Analyses of information-seeking, literature-use and library-use patterns; user training.

COMMUNICATION AND KNOWLEDGE
Flow and organization of knowledge, including national policies; information theory.

INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS
Dissemination, processing, storage and retrieval techniques and systems; data centres; management information systems.

LANGUAGE AND INDEXING
Linguistics, semantics, nomenclature, terminology; subject headings, thesauri and their construction; indexing; abstracting; translating.

CLASSIFICATION AND CATALOGUING
Documentary and non-documentary coding; cataloguing; filing.

MECHANIZATION
Automation in libraries, broadly, including 'housekeeping' procedures; machines applicable in libraries; computer technology.

SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
Special libraries and specialized documentation centres; sources of information including reference books and bibliographies; reference and inquiry work.

REPROGRAPHY
Materials, methods and systems; facsimile transmission; telex.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING
Writing and editorial work; printing and publishing; periodical references and citation patterns; bookselling; copyright; legal aspects of computerized information.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
Special library and information service policy, buildings, furniture and staff; stock including special materials; lending and journal circulation.

LIBRARY SYSTEMS
National libraries, general libraries and documentation centres; university and college libraries; inter-library co-operation.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY
Library science, information science, documentation; professional associations, education, literature, organizations and research; biographies; directories

Librarian

USER STUDIES

Goodman, I.
The information requirements of a university scientist.
IN:
Ayres, F. H. *and* Hall, J. *eds.*
Information services in university libraries: proceedings of a SCONUL seminar, December 1973. p.6-16.
Parallel between university/industrial scientist. Explains a university scientist's functions. Discussion included.

Rush, Michael
The information requirements of a university social scientist.
IN:
Ayres, F. H. *and* Hall, J. *eds.*
Information services in university libraries: proceedings of a SCONUL seminar, December 1973. p.93-103.

COMMUNICATION AND KNOWLEDGE

Mann, Peter H.
Communication about books to undergraduates.
Aslib Proceedings, vol.26, no.6, June 1974, p.250-6.
Paper presented at an Aslib Social Sciences Group Evening Meeting, London 28th January 1974.

INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS

Lester, R. G.
Problems of promoting and acting as an intermediary for the computer-based information services.
IN:
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Mathies, M. Lorraine *and* Watson, Peter G.
Computer-based reference service.
Chicago: American Library Association, 1973.
xi, 200p.; ISBN 0 8389 0156 5. £5.50.
ERIC is used as an example of a model information system.

Šašková, Viera *and* Kosík, Jiri
Performance of an SDI system with interactive features.
Journal of Chemical Documentation, vol.14, no.2, May 1974, p.85-92.
280 profiles used to search *CA-Condensates.*

Szonyi, Geza
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New York: the Institute, 1974. 20p. (ANSI Z39.19–1974) £3.50.

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Computer-based indexing systems: implications for the book indexer.
The Indexer, vol.9, no.2, October 1974, p.53-7.

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Technical indexing at BTI.
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Survey of cataloguing and classification in New Zealand.
New Zealand Libraries, vol.37, no.3, June 1974, p.112-122.

Hunter, Eric J.
Cataloguing: a guidebook. London: Bingley, 1974.
184p. ISBN 0 85157 182 7 £3.50.
Being a revision of Patrick Quigg's Theory of cataloguing.

Wainwright, Jane
Standards used by bibliographic tape services: a comparison: report to OSTI on project SI/114/23.
London: Aslib Research and Development Department, July 1974. 26p. (OSTI Report 5191).

Croghan, Antony
The problems of making a modern indexing language for the fine arts.
ARLIS Newsletter, no.20, September 1974, p.26-31.

Scheerer, George *and* Hines, Lois E.
Classification systems used in medical libraries.
Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, vol.62, no.3, July 1974, p.273-280.
The results of a survey which indicates that the National Library of Medicine scheme is the most used.

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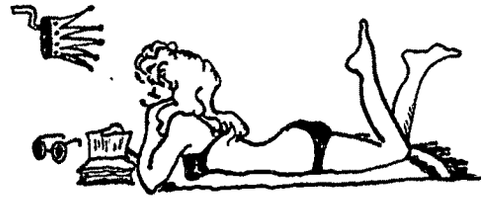

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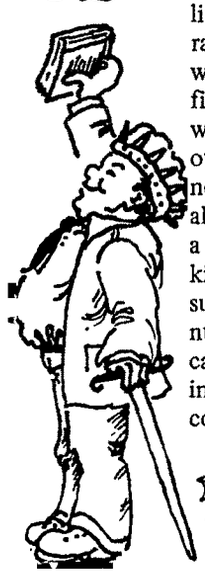


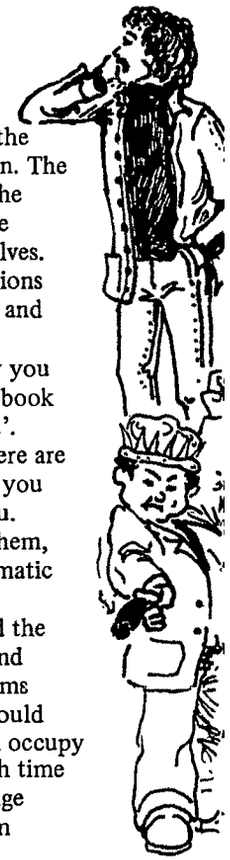
ONCE UPON A FLOWCHART there was a king who had a beautiful daughter whom he was anxious to see married. The king could not be described as beautiful, but he was intelligent and well-read, and these qualities he had been able to instil in his daughter. This was no mean achievement, for in his country there were no books whatever. The reason for this was quite simple: the entire population consisted of illiterates. All the King's reading was carried out during his frequent raids on neighbouring countries, when he would invariably let his generals get on with the fighting while he spent his time in some temporarily captured library, and on his return home he would share his newly acquired knowledge with his daughter.

Clearly the king's love of learning was making his life somewhat complicated, and he was becoming rather unpopular with his neighbours, and indeed with his generals too. Moreover the problem of finding a suitably intelligent husband for the princess was becoming urgent. A suitor would have to be found outside the realm. Mind you, the king's subjects were not entirely illiterate in the strict sense of the term, although they were certainly not the stuff of which a princess's suitors are made. The king was a good king and he had tried to educate his subjects. He had succeeded in teaching them to recognise letters and numerals, but that was the limit of their intellectual capacity. This simple skill they exercised with infallible accuracy and great pleasure. It was a common pastime in idle moments for one person to scratch a string of characters on the ground for his companion to identify and memorise, and reproduce at a subsequent meeting.

One day the king decided to set up a library in his castle to simplify his daughter's education, and to attract acceptable suitors from other lands. So he cleared a great chamber, and had his carpenters fit it out with rows of fine shelves. He then summoned his generals and ordered them to make one last series of raids into neighbouring territories in order to bring back the contents of several libraries. The generals did not understand the purpose of books, but they knew that books were combustible, and assumed that the king wanted them for a huge bonfire to celebrate the princess's coming of age. So they ordered their men to throw the captured books into carts, and on their return to the castle the books were simply tipped onto the courtyard to form an enormous heap.

The king was not pleased, but since he had omitted to give any instructions for the orderly removal of the books, he could blame only himself. However, he turned the mistake to good account by causing it to be made known far and wide that anyone who could transform his heap of books into a usable library would be given the princess's hand in marriage.

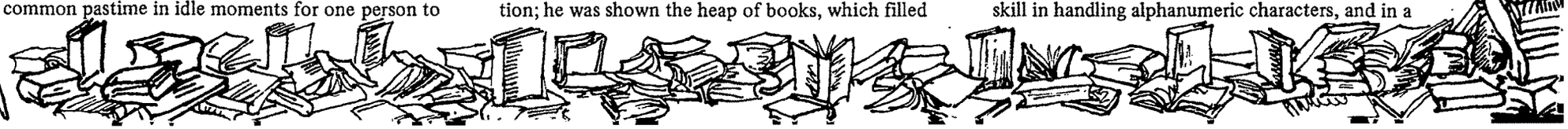
There were of course some out-of-work librarians in neighbouring countries who were keen to try their fortune. The first of them to present himself at the castle was shown the magnificent empty library chamber, which filled him with pleasurable anticipation; he was shown the heap of books, which filled him with dismay; he was finally introduced to the princess with the result that his spirits rose again. The king explained that all he wanted was to have the books organised so that any book that he or the princess might name could be found on the shelves. The librarian, who was not aware of the limitations of the population, thought for a few moments, and then said 'Sire, give me twenty cataloguers and twenty clerks, and in a twelve-month and a day you will be able to come to the library, ask for any book you care to name, and it shall be found for you'. 'Fool', said the king, 'do you not know that there are no cataloguers or clerks in this land? I will give you as many of my subjects as you need to help you. They can read alphanumeric characters, copy them, memorise them, and arrange them in any systematic order, but more than that they cannot do.' 'Such help would be very valuable, sire', replied the librarian, 'particularly in using the catalogues and indexes once they have been created, but it seems that the main work of creating these records would fall to me alone, and I fear that this task would occupy me for some four score years and five, by which time the incentive of your daughter's hand in marriage would have worn rather thin'. The king had him thrown into the dungeon.

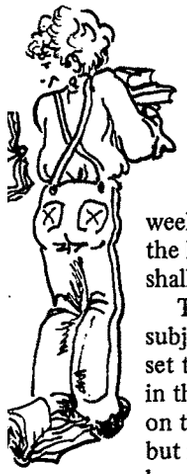


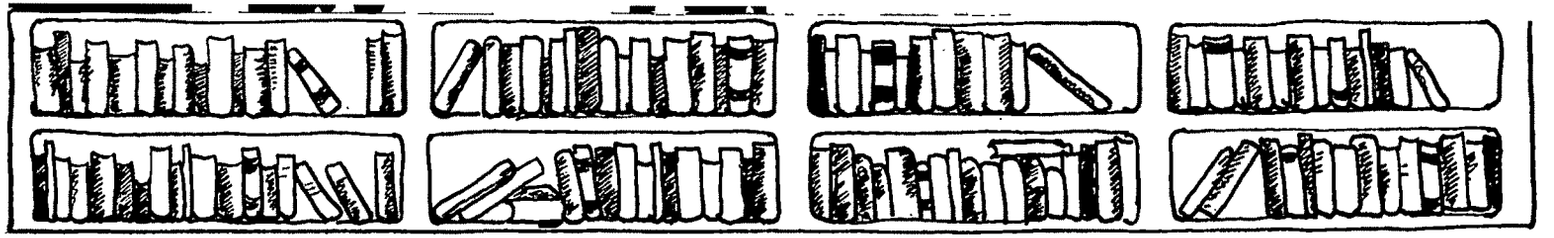
Other librarians came to try their fortune, with the same result, until the king despaired of ever finding a suitor for his daughter, or of having a library.

Now one day there arrived in the kingdom from foreign parts a young man who was a systems analyst named Fred. As he travelled round the country on a cycling holiday he heard about the king's books, the king's daughter, and the unsuccessful suitors. He also grasped the nature of the intellectual limitations of the population. Fred presented himself at the castle.

'Your most learned Majesty', he said, which pleased the king for a start, 'give me twenty of your subjects, able-bodied and possessing this remarkable skill in handling alphanumeric characters, and in a







week you and your charming daughter shall come to the library, name any book that you please, and it shall be found for you'.

The king was delighted, and commanded twenty subjects to be provided for Fred. Immediately Fred set them to work to carry the books from the heap in the courtyard to the library and place them neatly on the shelves, all the right way up, row after row, but in completely random order, as they came off the heap. The great clock on the castle tower was chiming a quarter to midnight on the seventh day when the last book was shelved. Fred dismissed nineteen of his assistants, and to the remaining one he quickly gave some simple instructions which were within the fellow's capacity to understand and carry out. Fred then sent word to the king that the library was ready to be used.

As the king walked over to the library he considered what book he should ask for as a test for Fred, and he decided to ask for one which he had started to read in an alien library, but had been unable to finish. He was not sure if he could name it accurately, but this circumstance would make the test sufficiently severe to establish the effectiveness of Fred's system.

The king arrived at the library on the stroke of midnight to find Fred with his one remaining assistant.

'Welcome your Majesty' said Fred, 'may it please your Majesty to name any book that your Majesty desires to be found'.

Now it was past the king's usual bedtime, and he was finding it difficult to maintain a proper regal tone. 'Well, there was this book, you see', he began, stifling a yawn, 'and I couldn't finish it the last time I was out of the country. All about prosperity and that, most important subject for a king. I'd like to see it again'.

'Who was the author, Sire?' asked Fred.

'Chap called Smith'

Fred's heart sank a little, but he persevered.

'Initials, your Majesty?'

'Don't remember'

'What was it called?'

'It was something like 'National Wealth' or 'Wealthy Nations' or something like that'.

'Does your Majesty remember when it was published?'

'No. Latter part of the 18th century I think'.

'Very well, your Majesty, I'll have it brought to you as soon as it is found'.

The king was glad to retire to bed and await developments in the morning. Meanwhile Fred wrote the following characters on a piece of paper:

– Smith
wealth–
nation–
1750–1799

Fred gave the paper to his assistant, telling him to proceed as instructed, and went to bed himself.

Now Fred's instructions were simply to examine the title page of every book in the library, working systematically along the shelves from one end of the library to the other, picking out any books in which all the listed characters were matched. The first three dashes indicated that character strings with any additional characters were to be considered as matching, and the fourth dash indicated that any numeric string in the range would be acceptable.

Early the following morning the country was invaded by a neighbouring king, and there ensued a war which lasted for thirteen years. During this time Fred's king was too busy to think about this book, and Fred's assistant carried on diligently with his task, which, as it happened, took him just as long as the war. He came back to Fred triumphantly carrying three books, the only ones which matched the character strings Fred had given him. Fred glanced at them. The first was a slim volume entitled YOUNG LADIES' GUIDE TO DEPORTMENT AND BEHAVIOUR IN THE WEALTHIER HOMES OF THE NATION by one Prunella Smith, published in 1789, the second was by Samuel Wealthman, entitled, somewhat surprisingly for a book published in 1752, OBSERVATIONS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF NATIONALISING THE TRADE OF BLACKSMITH, and the third book, dated 1776, was Adam Smith's AN INQUIRY INTO THE NATURE AND CAUSES OF THE WEALTH OF NATIONS. Fred realised that the second book would not have turned up if he had framed his instructions a little more carefully, but he had of course no difficulty in selecting the third one to give to the king.

Fred made a note on the paper his assistant had been carrying around during his search: 'Mill time 13 years, skilled time 10 seconds', and went to join the princess, with whom, during the king's long absence, he had already begun to live happily ever after.

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THE COMMUNICATORS

AN ASLIB SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, 4 March 1975

To: The Conference,Organiser, Aslib,
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* I enclose Cheque for Conference fee

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PROGRAMME

From 09.30	Registration
10.00	Session 1 Chairman: Brian Perry The psychology underlying the communication process and some practical applications of this basic psychology, by Andrew Szmidla
11.10	Coffee
11.40	Relations between the information service and its users, by J F Blagden
12.50	Luncheon
14.00	Session 2 Chairman: Alan Gilchrist Communication within the organisation - organisational development, team making and informal meetings, by C A Lumsden
15.10	Tea
15.40	The effect on an organisation of communication with the outside world; the relationship between free flow of information and an organisation's effectiveness by Andrew Robertson
16.50	Chairman's closing remarks

Meeting

A S L I B E V E N I N G M E E T I N G

Wednesday, 19 February 1975
17.30 Tea 17.00

Weir Hall,
Royal Institution of Naval Architects,
10 Upper Belgrave Street,
London SW1

OLD RECORDS IN A NEW SITUATION

Speaker: G A Chinnery, MA,FSA,DAA, Assistant Director (Human History) Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Chairman: John E Pemberton, BA,FLA, Librarian, University College at Buckingham

The essence of local authority records is that they are the work-a-day records of one large slice of life. They have been accumulating over eight or more centuries but it is those of the last hundred years or so which are now of increasing interest and which local Government reorganisation has brought to the fore. Those of County Administrations are relatively well known through the establishment of County Record Offices. Those of the emerging industrial towns of the 19th century are less well known. This paper will mainly concentrate on these records, what may be in them, how it can be used and how this information, which exists nowhere else, can be preserved.

December 1974

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ASLIB EVENING MEETING : OLD RECORDS IN A NEW SITUATION

I / We shall be attending the Aslib Evening Meeting on 19 February 1975

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Course

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

a course arranged in conjunction with the Social Sciences Group

10 and 11 February 1975 at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for librarians and information officers who have had some experience of work with official publications, and wish to learn more about them, with a view to improving their service to readers and research workers. It will be concerned with all official publications issued by central government in the United Kingdom, both current and past, those issued by H.M.S.O. and Departments, but not local government publications; there will also be a session on the publications of international organizations and foreign governments. It will aim to increase understanding of the nature of official publications by showing how they relate to the processes of government and how this affects their use. Practical work on problems involved in the use of official publications will be included.

Fee: £27.00 (£22.00 to members of Aslib)

Bookings: Places are limited to 20. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

FORM A

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COURSE ON OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Day 1

Lecture 1 The background to official publications (UK)

How the processes of governing the country are expressed in the terms of the documents.

Lecture 2 How to find out about and obtain official publications (UK)

Publications issued by H.M.S.O., priced publications issued by departments, guides to official publications.

Lecture 3 The use of official publications

The main collections of official publications for reference and loan.

Lecture 4 Bibliographical control of official publications

Classification and indexing of official publications, local indexes v. the official indexes

Briefing on exercise.

Day 2

Practical exercise in libraries

Lecture 5 A case study in the interpretation of social statistics

Lecture 6 International and foreign official publications

US, EEC and EFTA countries, the Old Commonwealth countries.

Inquest on the exercise

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £4.00 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations

Course

THE TECHNIQUES OF REFERENCE WORK

a one-day course

27 February 1975

at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This is course is intended for assistants without formal qualifications working in special libraries. It may also be of interest to staff doing reference work,in other types of library. The aim of the course is to improve students' efficiency in answering enquiries by means of a study of the principles governing reference work. The course will be concerned with the communication problems involved in taking enquiries and communicating the answers, and with the strategy and tactics of using the literature and its indexes and of the use of other sources. Individual sources of information, literary or otherwise, will not be described. To illustrate the principles a number of enquiries will be studied in depth and these will be mostly in the fields of science and technology, but as the course is concerned with principles, it should be of value to people working in other fields.

Fee: £15.00 (£12.00 to members of Aslib)

This includes tea and coffee, but not lunch

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Details of the programme are given overleaf.

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THE TECHNIQUES OF REFERENCE WORK

Thursday 27 February 1975

P R O G R A M M E

09.45 hrs	Registration and Introduction
10.00 hrs	Interviewing the enquirer by Dennis Grogan, BA,FLA, College of Librarianship Wales. (Break for coffee at 11.00 hrs)
12.15 hrs	Break for lunch
13.15 hrs	Bibliographical searching techniques by Anthony Nicholls, BA,ALA, Birmingham University Library
14.30 hrs	Approaching outside sources by Pat Booth, BA, ALA, Computer Technology td.
15.30 hrs	Break for tea
16.00 hrs	Communicating and recording the results by Ralph Gee, FLA Kingston Polytechnig Library
to	
17.30 hrs	with final discussion.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £4.00 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

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Course

Form B

CLASSIFICATION AND INDEXING SYSTEMS

to be held at Aslib Headquarters, 4 - 7 March 1975

Aims and Objectives

This course is designed to meet the needs of mature people who have come into special library or information departments from other fields of employment without professional training for such work. It is intended to enable them to understand the problems of indexing so that they can employ existing systems and evaluate their performance, and if necessary either adapt them or change to more suitable systems. It will also be of value to those faced with the choice of systems for a new department or organisation.

Fee: £40.00 (£32.00 to members of Aslib) This includes all papers materials relating to the course, as well as morning coffee and afternoon tea, but not lunches.

Bookings: Places are limited to 25. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Cancellations:

If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded less a deduction of £4 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

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CLASSIFICATION AND INDEXING SYSTEMS

SYNOPSIS

Tuesday 4 March

10.00 - 12.30 hrs	Introduction: how retrieval languages are made and used.
14.15 - 17.00 hrs	Alphabetical subject catalogues and indexes (with practical work)

Wednesday 5 March

09.45 - 12.30 hrs	General classification with special reference to the UDC (with practical work)
14.00 - 17.00 hrs	Advanced alphabetical indexing, with special reference to PRECIS (with practical demonstration)

Thursday 6 March

09.45 - 12.30 hrs	Post-coordinate systems: the mechanics and strategies of searches - indexing languages - the thesaurus.
14.15 - 16.00 hrs	Practical work on post-coordinate systems

Friday 7 March

09.45 - 12.30 hrs	Mechanised information retrieval
14.15 - 16.00 hrs	The choice and evaluation of systems - a symposium.

INFORMATICS 1

Proceedings of a conference held by the Aslib Co-ordinate Indexing Group on 11–13 April 1973 at Durham University

£6.75; £5.00 to Aslib members
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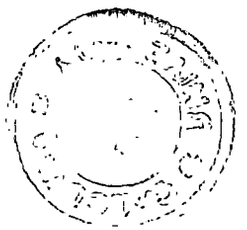

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EURIM

Proceedings of a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries held on 20–22 November 1973 at UNESCO, Paris

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NORDFORSK

Directory of Operational Computer Applications in United Kingdom Libraries and Information Units

£5.00; £3.50 members SBN 85142 054 0

After the Aslib Computer Applications Group came into existence in 1968 it set up a number of Working Parties. One of these, the Acquisitions, Cataloguing and Circulation Working Party (ACCWP), came to the conclusion that there was a real need for a directory of operational computer applications in United Kingdom libraries and information units. There have been previous surveys but these were partial, incomplete and in some cases did not always distinguish what was operational from what was planned or experimental.

The Directory is in three sections. First is a list of the libraries included, arranged alphabetically together with a grid showing the computer applications; the type of computer employed; programming languages used; and the extent of bureaux usage. From this it is possible to read off which libraries have particular applications.

This is followed by a list of the libraries in the same alphabetical order, with their contributions.

The third section is an index to named equipment, information systems, data bases and any other useful topics.

THE CORPORATE APPROACH TO LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

Proceedings of a one-day conference for chief librarians from local authority and educational institutions 22 June, 1973
edited by P A Thomas and Valerie A Ward

£3.00; £2.00 members SBN 85142 056 7

Aslib Research and Development Department is engaged in a research project, Librarians as Managers. This exploratory project involved studying the managerial activities of Librarians in a number of libraries of different types.

In the course of the investigations the increasing pace of management and organisational change became apparent. Both public and educational libraries are affected by recent developments within their parent organisations Local authorities are going through a period of considerable upheaval attendant on the formal re-structuring taking place now and Polytechnic librarians are developing integrated services from previously separate college libraries.

Some librarians have already played an active role in planning for organisational change, and in applying modern management principles, many more will shortly be involved in such endeavours. It was thought that senior staff could well benefit from an opportunity to discuss the problems involved, and this publication is the proceedings of the conference that was arranged.

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